


BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-387-C - ORDER NO. 2001-969
SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

IN RE: Application of NOW Communications, Inc.)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity to Offer Local Exchange and)
Interexchange Telecommunications Services)
within the State of South Carolina.)

ORDER MODIFYING
ORDER NO. 98-949



This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request for clarification of an Order filed by NOW Communications, Inc. (NOW or the Company). In Order No. 98-949, NOW was granted authority to provide local exchange service and long distance service on a resold basis. NOW and BellSouth recently filed with this Commission a negotiated interconnection agreement which allows NOW to purchase local services from BellSouth on a UNE-P basis. Since neither resale nor UNE-P require NOW to construct, install, or maintain its own facilities, plant, or equipment, NOW states a belief that no additional authority from this Commission is required for the Company to offer local services using the UNE-P route.


Whereas we agree that no additional authority per se is necessary, considering the nature and methodology of the services offered, we do believe that a modification of Order No. 98-949 is reasonable to properly state the Company's methodologies for providing its services. Accordingly, we hold that Order No. 98-949 shall be modified to state that NOW will provide local exchange service on a total service resale and on an unbundled network element platform basis.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the
Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)